Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—How can I say, Sir ? I want notice.

President.—You can prepare fresh questions on this as exhaustively as possible.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there a present law that Head constables may be appointed as Sub-Inspectors ?

President.—Were they put over any one?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Yes, Sir, the Head constable here was put over.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—If they get exemptions to this post, they may be appointed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I do not want to ask any more questions. I shall come to this afterwards.

President.—Prepare fresh questions on this as exhaustively as possible.

It is time, I think; but let us complete question 663, Vellattanjur Panchayat.

Vellattanjur Panchayat.

663. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) when the elections to the Vellattanjur Panchayat were over;

(b) to which of the villages in the group is nomination allowed and when were the nominations gazetted after the elections were over; if there was any delay, what was the cause of the same;

(c) did the nominated members belong to the village for which nomination was effected; if not, what was the reason for such nominations;

(d) when was the election of the President made; how many times was the election of the President notified; if more than once, the reason for the same;

(e) is the Panchayat functioning now;

(f) when President, Mr. Kunjunni Kaimal, was elected as such, had not one of the members who elected him, viz., Mr. Narayana Kurup, tendered his resignation; was his resignation paper disposed of when the election of Mr. Kunjunni Kaimal as President was effected;

(g) was not the resignation tendered by Mr. Narayana Kurup accepted by the acting Diwan, Mr. Damodara Menon, and was not the Superintendent of Panchayats asked to nominate another member in his place; when was this order;

(h) did the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats again recommend the nomination of the identical Mr. Narayana Kurup; if so, what was the reason for the partiality;

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(i) has any nomination been made hitherto in the place of Mr. Narayana Kurup ; if the nomination is over, who is the nominated candidate ; was not this candidate available when the nomination of Mr. Narayana Kurup was originally made ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) On 10th Chingam 1103.

(b) 1. Chiranellore and Vellattanjur.

2. The nominations were published in the Gazette dated 23rd Dhanu 1103.

3. The delay was due to the enquiries that had to be made regarding the members to be nominated.

(c) No. The candidates selected for nomination were found to be the best available in the villages within the Panchayat.

(d) The election of the President was made on 22nd Mecnam 1103. Was posted on 3 occasions. The notices could not be properly served on the members on the 1st occasion. On the 2nd occasion there was no quorum.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

(g) 1. No, since there was no necessity for it.

2. No.

3. No answer is necessary in view of the answer to part 2.

(h) Yes ; 2. There was no partiality.

(i) 1. Yes ; 2. Mr. Puthumana Sivadasan Vallabhan Namboori ; 3. Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sub-section (b) Who was the Member nominated for Chiranellore?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Hon'ble Member refers to the present constitution.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sub-section (b) (1), as originally nominated.

President.—Who is the member nominated for Chiranellore and who is the member for Vellattanjur?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Chiranellore—Kurup.
Vellattanjur—Thoma.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sub-section (i)(2), the name given is Mr. Puthumana Sivadasan Vallabhan Namboori. To which village does he belong?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—He belongs to Vellattanjur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—To which village does this Thoma belong?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—He belongs to Chiranellore.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there not a practice that, when members are available for nominations from the same

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village, such members are preferred to members from other villages?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In that case why was not Puthumana Sivadasan Vallabhan Namboori nominated in preference to Thoma who belongs to another village?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is this not a matter *sub judice*?

President.—Is it pending in Court?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There is a suit about election.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is over. Injunction has been granted and the election of the President is over.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It is only temporary. The suit is now pending.

President.—We shall not take it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The suit in the District Court is not with regard to the nomination of any individual but with regard to the election of the President.

President.—Whether it is valid nomination, valid election, whether they are entitled to the vote, all these questions will be relevant.

Supply of questions and answers.

664. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform, with reference to the statement made by the Hon'ble Member in charge of the P. W. D. on page 747 (II Cochin Legislative Council Reports, Vol. I, Part II, dated 25th Karkadagam 1103)that in a list of questions sent to me last night this was not included:—

(a) why the question referred to was not included in the list ;

(b) whether printed or typed list of questions was supplied to the Hon'ble Member ;

(c) whether the list of questions supplied contained the answers also;

(d) whether such previous lists are being supplied to all official Members ; and if so,

(e) when was this practice first started ;

(f) whether it was the Diwan or the President of the Council that ordered to give such previous lists and whether the order will be printed and placed on the Table ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) It is not clear what the acting Chief Engineer has meant by the statement. The question referred to was included in the list supplied from the Secretariat.

(b) Typed list.

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